

**ABSTRACT**

A method for exposure control which yields  
exposure settings just high enough to clip light  
sources and reflections from light sources in an  
image scene while allocating the majority of image  
sensor dynamic range to remaining objects in the  
image scene. Exposure control according to the  
present techniques includes determining a number of  
clipped pixels from an image scene for one or more of  
a set of possible exposures and determining a  
selected exposure from the possible exposures such  
that the possible exposures higher than the selected  
exposure increase the number and the possible  
exposures less than the selected exposure do not  
substantially decrease the number.